Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Older Americans are a treasured link to our past, and with courage, hard work, and unwavering devotion to family, community, and country our older citizens helped to make the 20th century the American century; and,

Whereas, Older Americans preserved our freedom through the crucible of World War II, opposed communist aggression in Korea and through the long dark years of the Cold War; marched for labor reform and civil rights, raised their families, volunteered in their communities, and often postponed their own dreams to fulfill the dreams of their children, and their character, values, and patriotism laid the foundation for the peace and prosperity we enjoy today; and,

Whereas, To recognize the profound debt our Nation owes its older citizens, and to prepare wisely for the impact that increasing longevity will have on nearly every aspect of our society in the coming years, we must reaffirm our commitment to saving Social Security, strengthening Medicare -- including a prescription drug benefit -- and modernizing, improving, and reauthorizing the Older Americans Act; and,

Whereas, We must enact Administration's long-term care initiative, which, among other important measures, provides tax relief and support services to the millions of family caregivers who devote countless hours to helping older loved ones remain in their homes and communities, and by doing so, we can both honor the immeasurable contributions that older men and women bring to our national life and ensure that they lead independent, active, fulfilling lives for many years to come; and,

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State